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TITLE OF THE INVENTION (Re-Amended as of 01/09/08)

Prodigy Pizza - John Endicott's Original Low-Carb Pizza

(Substituting Cheese as a base in place of flour in the making of a Gluten Free pizza pie)

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

"Not Applicable"

**STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR
DEVELOPMENT**

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BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION (Re-Amended as of 01/09/08)

(1) TECHNICAL FIELD OF THE INVENTION (Re-Amended as of 01/09/08)

The present invention relates to a method of making a pizza pie that is similar in composition to traditional pizza, but cheese is substituted for flour as a base to make a Gluten Free pizza pie.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION (Re-Amended as of 01/09/08)

The present invention relates to a method of making a Gluten Free pizza pie that is similar in taste and composition to traditional pizza, but with the base element, the crust, being very different and unique. The taste of this method of making a pizza pie is much more rich and satisfying than traditional pizzas utilizing a flour crust. Each serving of this Gluten Free pizza pie contains only about 6 grams of carbohydrates as compared to 25 to 50 in traditional flour based pizzas (based on six slices of a twelve inch pizza pie).

In traditional pizzas, the base or crust of the pizza is usually made of wheat flour (which is high in carbohydrates), and then the traditional toppings of choice are added and then covered with cheese. In contrast to traditional pizza composition, my invention uses a base and sides made of sliced provolone (or mozzarella), and can be multi-layered, if desired.

After the first or base layer of provolone (or mozzarella) is applied to the greased pizza pan, the pizza sauce is added, followed by the toppings of choice, then a small amount of shredded cheese after each topping (to help bind the toppings). After all internal toppings are in place, the entire pie will be covered by yet another layer of sliced cheese, such as provolone (or mozzarella) as a top covering. In the baking process, the top, side layer, and bottom layers bond together, with any small cracks between slices of cheese on the base or top being sealed, and the toppings and their flavors are sealed inside. Additional research has shown that the use of Provolone as a base and top increases the richness of taste far greater than that of using mozzarella, but either can be utilized.

Suggested initial baking instructions are as follows: The pizza pie should be baked traditional oven on 300 degrees for about 15 minutes. After baking, a resting period of about 15 minutes is recommended, thus allowing the pizza to cool and solidify before slicing.

In mass production, this pizza pie could be pre-baked at the factory, and thus, the entire outside of the pizza pie would be formed and the internal contents sealed. The pizza pie would be frozen, then ready to be re-heated in a conventional oven or micro waved by the consumer at home. This allows the pizza to retain its integrity in transit to the retail outlet and the final consumer. The pizza pie can then be package as a low-carbohydrate Gluten Free alternative to traditional flour based pizza pies.

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(2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 (Re-Amended as of 01/09/08)

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING (S)

Figure 1, in referring to the drawing, is the application of the cheese base in place of the traditional flour crust.

Figure 2, in referring to the drawing, is the application of sauce then a topping.

Figure 3, in referring to the drawing, is the application of shredded cheese on top of the sauce and a topping.

Figure 4, in referring to the drawing, is the application of cheese on top of the sauce on all of the entire contents.

Figure 5, in referring to the drawing, is an example of a cross sectional view of the contents. Of course, the number of internal toppings can vary according to the taste desired, but this, being only an example composition as illustrated in Figures 1 through 4, from base to top, are as follows: cheese as a base, the sauce, the first topping, shredded cheese, the second topping, shredded cheese, the third topping, then the cheese top on the top of the pizza pie, thus completing the entire pizza pie. This Gluten Free, low-carbohydrate pizza pie will be completely sealed after baking at 300 degrees for fifteen minutes. The pizza needs to cool for approximately ten minutes to solidify, and is ready to be consumed, as illustrated.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION (Re-Amended as of 01/09/08)

The process of substituting cheese, as a base to form a Gluten Free pizza pie is disclosed as the laying down of a base of cheese on the greased bottom of the pizza pan and around the sides, applying the desired toppings, applying the top layer of cheese evenly with all of the sides, cooking the pizza for a predetermined time period, and then, allowing the pizza to cool to near room temperature. By preparing the pizza in accordance with this method the sides and bottom forms a bond with the cheese on top of the pizza sealing the pre-chosen contents. This process allows a relatively solid body to hold to and to hold the internal contents together while being consumed by the customer. A wide variety of internal topping can be incorporated into this pizza pies design to vary its taste to suit any potential customer in commercial demands. Moreover, because of its uniqueness in being a much lower carbohydrate Gluten Free food, specific diets by specific groups of people will be benefited.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION
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Referring now to the figures contained and their like references numbers,

Figure 1, in referring to the drawing, is the application of the cheese base in place of the traditional flour crust, thus creating a Gluten Free pizza pie. This illustration is the first application of the cheese base. The application of cheese used in the drawing and the invention was enough of the four inch sliced of provolone (or any firm cheese will be suitable depending on the taste and texture desired) to cover the base and sides of the pan. As the heating process takes place the cheese will spread out and seal any holes making it one solid base.

Figure 2, in referring to the drawing, is the application of sauce, and then the application of a topping. The sauce is applied in the center and then evenly distributed over the base of the pizza. The sauce will not contact the pan because the cheese base will melt and seal any openings the overlap of the four inch circular sliced cheese base did not cover. The topping of choice can then be added. It will be held in place because of being sealed and bonded inside the pizza pie by the cheese.

Figure 3, in referring to the drawing, is the application of shredded cheese on top of the sauce and a topping. The cheese is a binding agent used in order to hold the topping intact during and once the pizza pie is baked. Any type of shredded cheese may be used depending the taste and texture desired. The amount shredded cheese can vary depending on the type and quantity of the topping used. My experiments have demonstrated that a small amount of shredded cheese should be added each time a new topping is added to lend the additional binding necessary to hold the pizza pie together as it is being consumed.

Figure 4, in referring to the drawing, is the application of cheese used in the drawing and the invention. As illustrated in the drawing, enough four inch slices of provolone (or any firm cheese will be suitable depending on the taste and texture desired) on top of all of the internal contents to seal the entire contents. This, the last application of cheese ensures the internal toppings and all of the contents are covered.

Figure 5, in referring to the drawing, is an example of a cross sectional view of the contents. Of course, the number of internal toppings can vary according to the taste desired, but the example composition illustrated in Figures 1 through 4, from base to top, are as follows: cheese as a base, the sauce, the first topping, shredded cheese, the second topping, shredded cheese, the third topping, then the cheese top on the top of the pizza pie, thus completing the entire pizza pie. This Gluten Free, low-carb pizza pie will be completely sealed after baking at 300 degrees for fifteen minutes. The pizza needs to cool for approximately ten minutes to solidify, and is ready to be consumed, as illustrated.